Baſſ. Heere is the money.

Por. Soft, the Iew ſhal haue all iuſtice, ſoft no haſt,
he ſhall haue nothing but the penalty.

Gra. O Iew, an vpright Iudge, a learned Iudge.

Por. Therefore prepare thee to cut of the fleſh,
Shed thou no blood, nor cut thou leſſe nor more
but iuſt a pound of fleſh: if thou tak'ſt more
or leſſe then a iuſt pound, be it but ſo much
as makes it light or heauy in the ſubſtance,
or the deuiſion of the twentith part
of one poore ſcruple, nay if the ſcale doe turne
but in the eſtimation of a hayre,
thou dyeſt, and all thy goods are confiſcate.

Gra. A ſecond Daniell, a Daniell Iew,
now infidell *I* haue you on the hip.

Por. Why doth the Iew pauſe, take thy forfaiture.

Shy. Giue me my principall, and let me goe.

Baſſ. I haue it ready for thee, here it is.

Por. Hee hath refuſd it in the open Court,
hee ſhall haue meerely iuſtice and his bond.

Gra. A Daniell ſtill ſay *I*, a ſecond Daniell,
I thanke thee *I*ew for teaching me that word.

Shy. Shall *I* not haue barely my principall?

Por. Thou ſhalt haue nothing but the forfaiture
to be ſo taken at thy perrill Iew.

Shy. Why then the deuill giue him good of it?
Ile ſtay no longer queſtion.

Por. Tarry Iew,
the law hath yet another hold on you.
It is enacted in the lawes of Venice,
if it be proued againſt an alien,
that by direct, or indirect attempts
he ſeeke the life of any Cittizen,
the party gainſt the which he doth contriue,
ſhall ſeaze one halfe his goods, the other halfe
comes to the priuie coffer of the State,
and the offenders life lies in the mercy